# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1114
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EXTORTION FROM HAWKERS
MANSINH PATEL;RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware that Delhi Police constables extort money from the hawkers in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such complaints received during the last three years and the number of constables against whom action was taken and the number out of those dismissed from service; and

(d) the steps taken by the Govt. to curb such activities?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a): Some isolated cases have come to the notice of Delhi Police in which police officials were found to have extorted money from rehdiwalas.

(b) & (c): During the last 3 years (i.e. between the year 2000 to 2002), 275 such complaints were received the preliminary inquiry into which revealed prima facie evidence in support of the allegations only in 4 cases involving 16 police personnel. The departmental action as considered appropriate depending upon the available evidence was initiated/taken in all these cases. However, none of the accused police personnel was dismissed from service.

(d): The measures taken to prevent corrupt practices in Delhi Police include strengthening of the vigilance branch of Delhi Police; setting up of a Public Grievances Cell in each District of Delhi Police; earmarking of Post Box No. 171 to enable the public to inform the Commissioner of Police about any criminal or corrupt activity of a police official; surprise checks by vigilance branch and other superiors of Delhi Police; maintenance of close watch on police personnel with doubtful integrity; inculcation of sense of humanity, service and respect of law through regular refresher courses; and frequent briefing by senior officers, etc.